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A: Yes, we discussed that at our last meeting.

Q: Are you planning on having a teacher evaluation book this year?

A: Yes, we discussed that at our last meeting.

"The SGA is not really here to govern the students..."



New deal

## New registration process reviewed by administrators

Check it out

The Student Government (SGA) has been reviewing the new registration process. The process involves a series of steps that students must follow to register for classes. The SGA is working to ensure that the process is fair and efficient for all students.



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## Vacant SGA post filled; concert poll, disco slated

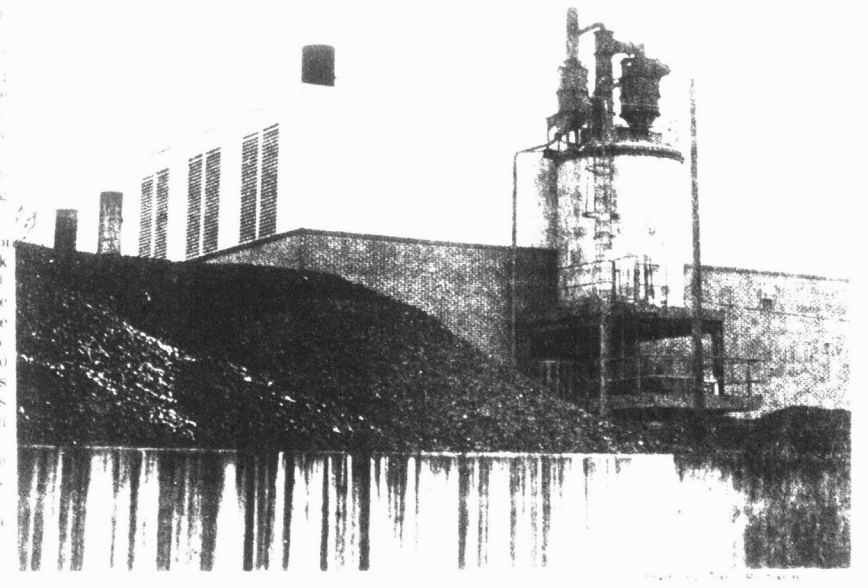
By Suzanne Wadley, Staff Writer

The Student Government (SGA) has filled a vacant position and has announced plans for a concert poll and a disco event.

## Coupon books kaput; film passes prosper

By Suzanne Wadley, Staff Writer

Coupon books have been discontinued, and a new film has been added to the SGA's schedule.



Power to the (UTM) people



## THE PACER Insight

# Dining facilities examined; improvements warranted

The Food Services Department at UTM, although offering a variety of foods at fairly reasonable prices, should strive to upgrade its facilities so that it can realistically compete with its counterparts located off campus.

The dining facilities, which are presently available for student use at UTM, include the cafeteria, the UT Bone and Pizazz. The Pacer has the following observations to make about each of these facilities. The UT Bone is generally recognized as the best on campus dining facility, despite several justifiable criticisms. The service is usually very slow, and many times the food served is not prepared to the exact specifications of the customer. This can be very inconvenient for the student who has to attend classes after dining in the UT Bone. The prices charged by the UT Bone are not very high, especially when one considers the type of service received. If the Food Services Department were to utilize work study students instead of hiring students independently, the cost could be reduced substantially, thus making the somewhat less than adequate service more tolerable. In all fairness, however, it should be noted that the food served is often very good, especially when it is prepared in the manner in which the customer requests.

Pizazz, which was implemented by the Food Services Department last quarter, is next on the list of acceptable dining facilities at UTM. Although essentially a good concept in food services, the service at Pizazz has also been known to be as slow as the UT Bone. However, since classes are usually finished for the most part when Pizazz opens for business, the time factor is not as significant as it is with the UT Bone. The prices are more reasonable, and the food tends to be a good quality. More variety and better preparatory facilities would greatly improve the status of Pizazz as a student dining facility.

The cafeteria is generally known to be the least desirable of the dining facilities on campus. The actual cafeteria part of the

facility, which serves three meals a day, is undoubtedly the best section of the facility. Although the food is not exactly what one could refer to as "home cooking," the service tends to be very expedient, consequently making it the best place to eat when one is in a hurry. The selection of foods offered by the cafeteria is varied in some respects, but there is still room for improvement. Perhaps if the Food Services Department were to serve only those foods which are acceptable to the majority of the student body, and concentrate entirely on preparing those foods in the best possible manner, the lack of adequate variety could be offset substantially. The snack bar and deli sections of the cafeteria rate last on the list of dining facilities available to UTM students on campus. As with the cafeteria, the service is very convenient, but the quality of the food served by these two facilities tends to be slightly poorer. The Food Services Department should make an extensive effort to bring these facilities up to a level of tolerance at least equal to the cafeteria.

With regard to the expediency of service in all of the above mentioned facilities, the new payment procedure has a tendency to slow the entire process down, rather than speed it up, as it was originally supposed to do. The Food Services should implement a new system which would not require the showing of charge cards to the cashier each time food is purchased. This should be a particularly easy adjustment to make, since the computer can be programmed to refuse service to anyone who has an account which is not in good standing with the Food Services Department.

At any rate, the Food Services Department could stand to improve its facilities. The fact that a large number of students rush off campus for every meal attests to this conclusion. If the improvements made were of a substantial nature, there is the possibility that more students would eat on campus, and thus avoid being taken advantage of by such establishments as the T Room.

## Computerized registration: difficulties and solutions

The computerized registration system now in use, despite having advantages over the previous system, with regard to expediency, still has a couple of problems which should be resolved before the system is utilized further.

Although computer registration in most cases relieves the student from having to encounter the constant long lines and seemingly endless waiting which characterized the earlier form of registration, it nonetheless maintains certain frustrating disadvantages. For a student to be forced into registering prior to receiving their present quarter grades is one such disadvantage which should be resolved if computer registration is to become as efficient as possible. Many courses are designed so that they must be taken in sequence. This could cause problems for the student who registers for the next course in a series only to find out later that he has failed the prerequisite course. The fact that estimation of anticipated accomplishments is often inaccurate should have been taken into consideration during the initial planning of a computerized registration system.

Another difficulty associated with computer registration is the fact that students may still be listed on the class rolls although they may not have paid their fees for the quarter in question. This causes a problem for other students who may want to take a particular

course but are unable to because the class is "filled" with students who may have no intention of even returning to UTM. Such a discrepancy could easily be overcome, however, if the University would go ahead and drop students who have not paid their fees by a designated deadline, prior to the ending of the drop-add period. In the past, the University has threatened to remove the names of all students from the class rolls who have failed to pay their fees before a certain deadline, but as yet such a measure has not been put into actual practice. The University owes it to the students who do pay their fees in time to penalize those who are somewhat less dedicated. As soon as it becomes apparent that a student does not plan to attend the classes for which he has registered, the name of the student should be dropped from the class rolls, thus allowing students who are serious about their education to sign up for the courses which they may need in order to graduate on time.

The computerized registration is a much more efficient method for conducting registration, and it has the potential of becoming even more responsive once these minor adjustments have been made. From any standpoint, the computerized registration system is a vast improvement over the old system.

## Scholarships and grants: are safeguards sufficient?

The directors of the GI Bill and the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) are to be commended for their efforts to safeguard money given out each year for student financial aid. These organizations now require adequate proof of enrollment and actual class attendance before the student's aid is continued.

The University is also to be commended for its policy which is designed to minimize the amount of federal money which is lost each year through fraudulent use by students receiving the loans and grants provided for their educational use. Partially due to HEW regulatory procedures, and certainly for its own welfare, the University now required that a student make satisfactory progress as a prerequisite to continuing in school and receiving federal or state financial support. Beyond this, no money can be applied anywhere outside of fees, since government funds go directly to the school, and are paid

only when the University is able to verify a student's actual enrollment.

Just what constitutes satisfactory progress as up to each university. Because UTM has a liberal admissions policy, a student may be able to stay in school, and consequently receive federal grants, with a lower academic standard than perhaps the government would like. Therefore, it is the University's responsibility if there is a cross to be paid, but at the present time, the administration appears to be doing a good job of bookkeeping.

It should be noted, however, that there are still many scholarships that are not adequately protected. Many financial aid checks still must pass through student hands before the University is eligible to receive the money. Such a procedure can tend to invite abuse. In certain cases, money may be given to students who have not registered for classes, and have no immediate plans to do so.



## The fiction of 'Noah's Ark'

Guest Column

In spite of its appeal and wide distribution both in theaters, churches, and on television, I feel that the film "In Search of Noah's Ark" is damaging to the Christian perspective of the history of the Earth and the credibility of the Bible. In general most of the errors are not deliberate, but in this writer's view, they are due to ignorance of lack of research. A few things seem to involve deliberate misrepresentation.

The film begins by developing the concept that archaeological support of the Bible is exhaustive and documentable. This section is well done. The film then turns its attention to flood mechanisms attempting to show that the concept of a global flood is scientifically reasonable. The flood geology concept is pushed and Henry Morris and his colleagues are used extensively. Although there are some technical errors, the film presents this concept fairly well.

At this point the direction of the film turns to supporting evidence for the story of Noah and the ark. Actors are used to reenact the Biblical account, and case sightings of the ark on Ararat are explored. It is at this point the film gets into considerable difficulty. Let us list some of the problems.

1. The fact that nearly all pictures are drawings and not photographs is not mentioned. Only one or two of the pictures shown in the film are authentic photographs and one of the satellite pictures shown is a white-topped rock according to mountain explorers.

2. Statements like "the back half of the ark is sticking out of a glacier" are physically impossible. A glacier is a MOVING sheet of ice, moving many yards each year. There is no way anything like a boat could survive that motion.

3. The peeling of the mountain makes an object staying on it impossible. Early in the film they point out that falling rocks make climbing the mountain difficult. In 5,000 years many many feet of rock have fallen off Ararat. Anything sitting on those rocks would fall too.

4. Descriptions of half a hollow boat under several hundred feet of rock are physically impossible. Water has a density of 62.4 lbs. per cubic foot. Suppose ice is 60 lbs. per cubic foot. 100 feet of ice would exert 60 times 100 that equals 6,000 lbs. per square foot or three tons on each square foot of the boat. If the boat had a surface area of even 1,000 square feet the total force on it would be 18 million pounds, enough to collapse any structure.

5. Mount Ararat is not the location of Noah's ark according to the Bible. Genesis eight says "The ark came to rest in the Ararat's." This is a range of mountains some distance from present day Ararat in the opinion of most scholars and archaeologists, not the modern day Ararat.

They're probably on the wrong mountain.

6. Some of the accounts given in the film lack credibility. This is true in several cases, but let us consider just one. In the film there is a story given of three atheists who hired a guide to take them to the ark. After the difficult climb and finding the ark the three atheists made a blood oath never to tell anyone about it (according to the story). One of them revealed all this upon his death bed in London at a later day, according to the film. Why would three atheists spend thousands of dollars to make a

dangerous journey to find an ark which could only injure their position were it found? The story is totally without evidence, and such an expedition is denied by the Turkish government. This, in addition to its illogical makeup, causes a large credibility gap.

This type of production is what the atheist loves to get his or her hands on. If they can identify religion with such material they can discount all Christ stands for in the minds of many. There is no question about Noah, the ark or the flood -- but "In Search of Noah's Ark" is pure fiction.

## 'Fritz the Cat' reviewed

Review

A totally depraved movie in regards to ethical labeling. A birdseye view of a culture image as depicted by this movie. Its intention, I gathered was to build self morals and strengthen understandings. Still from its beginning to its end, I found myself rejecting its teachings and forcing myself to like it.

The cultural type humor presented was in bad taste for it was outdated. Stilted monologues depicting ghetto

life was simply deplorable. The movie viewed the younger generations as children of confusion. Teenagers who go from one fad to another putting their basic morals aside. It did well in showing how youth bring about change in the world, the good side from the bad.

The most confused person of all presented was Fritz who saw the world through a looking glass. A single perspective was all he had known.

## Food for thought

Satire by Sue Sonberg and Liz Hicks

Food Does that word sound familiar to you? Yes, at one time or another in your life you have had some encounter with Food. But what is food? Webster's defines food as a material consisting essentially of protein, carbohydrate, and fat used in the body of an organism to sustain growth, repair, and vital processes and to furnish energy.

People in general have quite a different opinion of that four letter word "food". It is a widely accepted theory that food is something that tantalizes the taste buds and satisfies that pain of emptiness in your lower abdomen, which is sometimes brought to your attention in the form of a low thundering rumble.

Throughout your life you have encountered many different forms of food. Recall the food of your yesteryear if you can. Picture this: a small impressionable child gazing trustingly upward while a parent lovingly dips a small silver spoon into a jar of pureed parsnips.

What's wrong, doesn't sound appealing anymore? Thank goodness your choices in food have changed over the years, or have they? Perplexing question isn't it?

Perhaps you have never had the problem of locating a culinary establishment where

the goods conform to the most important aspects of the definition of food.

Take for instance the appealing array of delectable delights available in the college community of Martin. What? Have you never indulged in the fine cuisine offered at the various establishments in Martin? Well there is no time like the present to take a misguided tour of the food establishments on the Martin campus.

Students need never fear missing mom's home cooking once they partake a meal in the infamous cafeteria of UTM.

Just relax in the beautiful and immaculate dining facilities and allow your senses to be overwhelmed by the entertainment provided daily at lunch (remember the stage does have a purpose).

Perhaps you would enjoy a more urban life style than is provided by the cafeteria. If so, the well renowned UT Bone restaurant with its friendly, well trained staff will serve you low priced, high quality food prepared to your own discerning taste while allowing you sufficient time for an intellectual chat with your dining companions.

With culinary establishments such as these located on campus it is inconceivable that students would venture elsewhere to eat.

## FEEDBACK

### Criticisms justified

To the Editor:

As a former member of the Academic Integrity Committee which drafted the report to the Academic Senate, I observed with interest and from a distance, (Cleveland, Ohio) The Pacer reports on the proceedings of the open forums on the report Professor Duck is to be commended for his attempt to give all parties a chance to speak on this important matter, even though most declined to do so.

The criticisms raised, as printed in The Pacer, reflected genuine concerns and should be addressed by the committee. As the committee report is reviewed, the choice of options should be considered. At least three come to mind. One is to ignore totally the issue of faculty and student integrity and leave each to his own--the cave man choice. A second one is to continue with what we have--the three blind mice approach. A third is to try and bring more order out of confusion and to express in as clear way as possible mutual faculty and student obligations -- the responsible route. Since the latter choice appears to be the most rational and colleges are supposed to be rational institutions, I will risk the errors of logic and conclude that, therefore, UTM would logically choose the third adoption.

For those looking for perfection, they will not find it in the Academic Integrity Committee report. The need for the guidelines set forth in the committee report is based upon the premise that human nature in each of us is subject to its negative components. It would be good if we were all honest, all dedicated to the University, all seekers of knowledge, all willing to play by the rules of the game, etcetera. Regrettably, this state of affairs is not so. We compromise, seek short cuts, ignore or fall down on our responsibilities, put our own welfare before that of others or the University, etcetera. These characteristics are potentially present in college

presidents, just as they are in college freshmen. Few "paragons of virtue" exist in the modern academic community.

If there is a Platonic college, I envision it as one where all those who are involved in the educational process view themselves as participants in one of life's episodic adventures. Students and teachers pitting themselves against each other and at times joining together in intellectual jousting -- some succeeding and some dropping out. All the players engaged as "bull fighters in the ring," to use the metaphor of Theodore Roosevelt. Yet in this ideal setting there would not really be winners or failures, only different levels of achievement for all -- each with its own intrinsic value. All administrators and faculty cannot be eloquent or inspiring people, but we can be committed to the educational process and we can and should be held accountable by our employers and students when we do fall short. Students in turn have their own set of obligations and responsibilities for which they should be held accountable.

None of us relish being made more accountable. There are always personal dangers in this approach. Those who drew up the guidelines for the committee report certainly did not see themselves as "Moses consulting with God on Mt. Sinai." Who knows we may be providing the very rope that will later be used to hang us. Each of us might have been better off to have done what we could to discourage the entire process.

I spoke of the ideal college. Perhaps mention should be made in allegorical terms of an undesirable situation. Let us view the campus as a huge kitchen. Located on the kitchen cabinet is a huge piece of cheese, which we will equate with salary, promotions, degrees, grade points, admissions to professional schools. Along the baseboard are a multitude of little cubicles -- faculty and administrative offices and student residences. In each of these cubicles reside individual mice, each with a great ambition to consume the cheese.

If all the mice could leave their cubicles and communicate and plan, they could possess the cheese and feast for days.

However, the cat -- our negative side -- will not allow this unity. So we each do our own thing. Some mice will reach the cheese and grab at least a bite, but many will perish and become nourishment for the cat. Slowly, the mice will disappear until one day all that remain are the cat and the cheese. Alone now with the prize, the cat, who of course doesn't like cheese, has saved it for nothing. The tragedy of this story is that the cat was the negative creation of the mice themselves. In their own greed, disregard for the rights of others, failure to face up to the need for improvement, their negative side -- the cat -- prevailed.

It would seem the time has come for the mice at UTM to get out of the kitchen, for after all mice cannot live on cheese alone.

Dr. Richard D. Chesteen

## Experience speaks

Looking Back

by Lynda Bartels

A brand new year! A time for looking forward and a time for looking back. I looked back not just to January of 1977, but to the fall of '76, when I was a beginning freshman at UTM.

Really on my own! I thought I'd be thrilled, but I was scared speechless, literally. What if all these people with whom I will spend the next four years don't like me? Why should they like me? I'm not too crazy about myself.

Questions like this brought me to a state of instant panic, which resulted in my being afraid to say anything and feeling that what I did say was really dumb. I realized this wasn't normal and getting my courage up I made an appointment at the Counseling

Center on campus. And scaredy-cat that I am, I wouldn't tell anybody they'll think I'm really crazy, loony, out of my tree, off my rocker, flipped -- was what ran through my mind. But I figured I was just a little mixed up -- I could probably be cured in one

session. The psychologist would give me one simple formula on how to talk to people and (Bang!) I'd be an extrovert! (That does sound a little crazy, right?) But, alas and alack, he wouldn't give me the formula and he acted like it was my problem and, although he was interested, he was just going to let me try to figure out my own solution.

Well, I thought, if he's going to be that way about it, I will. He encouraged me to come back and I did, trying to avoid being seen, of course. I still didn't want people to think I was crazy and I was sure this was the conclusion anyone would come to if they knew I was seeing a shrink.

Finally, the old noggin started working logically and I said, "What the heck -- if I can't talk at least I can write."

So the next quarter I joined the paper staff and I'm still around. I feel right at home now. After meeting the rest of the staff, I no longer worry about myself. To quote one of my first editors, "You have to be crazy to work here!"

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## Page Three / Opinion

# Faculty, students, and the BSA

### Maxwell's Musings

The UTM Black Student Association is perhaps the only campus group with its own pipeline to Heaven in the guise of its president the Reverend Elmer S. Martin.

The Chattanooga-born minister was in his presidential prime—he has one more quarter to go before elections set in again—when he agreed to talk to *The Pacer*.

One of his pet projects is a play written by Daryl Simmons. The play, called "Pages of the Past," already has been auditioned for. The BSA hopes to have it in production in a few weeks.

"The play deals with black history," Martin said, adding that Black History Week, another pet project of his organization, will be held the second week of February. He indicated further, that the play would probably cap the week's celebration.

Besides the play, and a service at which he will perform, Martin said that the BSA is thinking about speakers for the big week when the world is shown that

blacks too had a part of American history. He told this reporter that he thought the baseball great Hank Aaron might pay another visit to this campus as he made his first visit at the Homecoming football game.

Turning from history to current events, Martin said that the BSA is holding a membership drive.

"Membership cards will be sold," he said, in an effort to increase the 300 strong interest organization. He continued, "Lots of people don't know what's happening."

He was very concerned about that.

Besides people not knowing about what the BSA is and has to offer, there are some current situations about which the reverend did not feel very hopeful about.

The biggest problem is with the faculty.

"We need more black faculty. Now I don't have anything against the faculty, but I honestly feel that if we had more black faculty, the

students would be better able to relate to faculty members," Martin said.

Martin said that he understood that there was a budgetary crunch on campus, and that because of it, more teachers aren't being hired at a quicker pace, but he explained that he honestly felt that if the University really wanted to go ahead with hiring any minority faculty members, it could if it really wanted to.

He was more hopeful about his ministry in the AME church.

His ministry is a branch of the Methodist church, the African Methodist Episcopal church. The church was founded in Pennsylvania in 1787, by a group of blacks who wanted to protest the policy of segregation in the Methodist Church. According to the *World Book Encyclopedia*, the church was led by two men, one Richard Allen, and Absalom Jones. The encyclopedia said that the new breakaway church had no bias policy, and has members of all races.

"Equal rights wouldn't be where it is today if not for the churches," he concluded.

### by Fred Maxwell

This Methodist denomination is usually confused with the AME Zion church—another group altogether formed during the 1800s by pre-civil war abolitionists.

Martin, whose father is a preacher, and whose mother is a teacher, is the founder and pastor of Primm Chapel held each Sunday at 3:00 p.m., at the Interfaith Center on Lovelace street.

He founded his little church last October he said, because most, if not all, the area churches are too far for many students to attend. And many college students are drifting away from churchgoing, and for the weirdest reasons, the reverend said—such as for the cold weather. He feels that this could be bad for the nation, and for the black population as a whole, too. He said that he thought that the church has done a lot to promote equal rights in America.

"Equal rights wouldn't be where it is today if not for the churches," he concluded.

## Fall reflections

### Retrospect

by David Scott

As Fall Quarter nineteen seventy-seven comes to a close we as students should reflect on our university's many noteworthy accomplishments of the past few months. Does anyone remember all the way back to mid-September? Oh, how our registration woes were aided by the installment of a modern, efficient computer registration system. It was such a futuristic step that we overlooked the hours in line many of us spent waiting to be processed.

Next came the fun of purchasing new books for our many classes. Our bookstore once again brought us the lowest (and only!) prices on textbooks and supplies. I spent over sixty five dollars on books and two of my classes didn't even require texts! I failed to understand why a book I bought Spring Quarter was of no value anymore. Food services featured great food, and a new item, pizza. This was a pizza parlor for those of us who fall victim to those late night "munchies." I only hope that I can explain to my parents, that all those four dollar charges were just snacks. In our cafeteria a person was sometimes lucky to enjoy such luxuries as catsup and, even, buns with their sandwiches.

Campus parking was also a great convenience to many noncommuters. I sometimes was able to park only one quarter of a mile from the dorm!

Safety and Security kept us free from drug addicts, alcoholics, parking violations, and even sex fiends, who might enter the dorms of the opposite sex to aid them. Student officers were sworn in to do a citizen's duty and fine those who so much as thought about doing something wrong.

Our SGA did a stellar job keeping us filled with fun things to do such as a school sponsored beer bust. Now if we could only have them on campus. They brought many top flight groups to entertain

us, even at the risk of going in the red, to keep us satisfied, which they did (go in the red that is). Oh, yes, classes. Now those were the catalyst that kept us together. Our fine faculty kept us on our toes with relevant lectures and piles of homework!

Unfortunately, I had no time to enjoy a lot of these activities. I spent most of my time off campus in the wilds of West Tennessee. Thank God for females, good music, good food, and mostly good friends. They helped make this quarter a memorable one. That reminds me of a great party I went to where Tammy, Kit, Chuck, Bob, David, Barry and all my friends were there. Oops! I was supposed to be talking about our university's accomp. oh I'm really sorry, I almost forgot. Maybe next year will improve my memory.



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# You win some, you lose some

### Critics Corner

There are a number of movies that deserve reviewing in the area, but because of limited space I've decided to only do two of them. One I will review because it is a good movie and I think people would like to go see it. The other I will review so people will know better than to bother with it.

The good movie is *Oh, God!* The movie is well put together and gives George Burns an excellent fantasy vehicle. The plot is very complicated, and in fact much of the picture's success is due to its simplicity.

George Burns is God. Of course he is, I've known it for years. God wants John Denver to spread the word that God is alive and well and that the future of mankind is

up to mankind. Naturally there is some doubt when Denver starts spreading the good news. The whole thing winds up with a beautiful finish in a court room.

The acting in the movie is a joy to watch. Burns is magnificent. Terri Garr is good. Paul Sorvino is dispicable as the villainous evangelist Willie Williams. Bernard Hughes and William Daniels are also good. As for John Denver, well at least he didn't try to sing.

The one major flaw in the movie is that the script straddled the fence. They obviously tried to hard not to offend anyone and as a result all the theology involved was simply too simplistic. With a little stonger sting to it the

picture could have been a superb satire, but as it was it was still a highly enjoyable romp.

On the other hand *Damnation Alley* is singularly unenjoyable. The credits claim that the film is based on the novel by Roger Zelazny, but Zelazny shouldn't be blamed for the result. All he contributed to the film was the title and a few character names. Blame Alan Sharp and Lukas Heller for the screen play. They abandon any idea at all of plot development and use a series of vaguely connected adventures to get Jan-Michael Vincent on a motorcycle and riding through giant scorpions, killer cockroaches, and other wild creatures.

Sharp and Heller also manage to kill off all of the good actors with the exception of George Peppard. Paul Winfield for one managed to rise above the insanity of his

lines, so he had to be gotten rid of. He dies in such a horrible manner that Jan-Michael and the others give up any intention of turning in a decent performance.

Dominique Sanda is a very pretty lady, but I can't help but wish that she did something in the film besides stand around and look pretty.

The specials affects were very good though. If there is any success to the picture at all, it lies in creating a visually real post-apocalyptic world complete with blazing skies and continent wide storms. The film creates a hellish world that will make you want to check your radiation counters when you leave the theatre.

*Damnation Alley* is a cut below most disaster films, and a complete waste of money unless you're a die-hard special effects fan.

## Crazy for Christ

### Essay

by Larry Holder

"You don't have to be crazy to work here -- but it helps!" This is particularly true working on *The Pacer* staff, where mild insanity is the norm. After all, everyone knows we each have six eyes and four hands and drool over cafeteria food....

Actually, when the word "crazy" found its way back into my vocabulary this quarter, it got me to thinking: the word, despite its obvious connotation, actually does describe much of my character and practices.

I mean, who else would think of praying before meals in the cafeteria, of all places! That's crazy... that sort of thing is supposed to be left at home. Why risk the mockery of others who chance to see a head bowed?

And church on Sundays. Even Wednesday nights... Good grief, isn't college supposed to be the place where we can forget all that? Why not find something more useful to occupy Sunday mornings, like catching up on some badly needed sleep. Who in their right mind wouldn't?

But that's not the half of it. I actually admit to being a "born-again" Christian -- one who trusts the one they call Jesus to guide my life, and free me from the bonds of sin.

Sin?! There he goes again!! Using an old-fashioned word like that is really going off the deep end. After all, sin went out with the Dark Ages, didn't it? He actually believes in a bonafide heaven, and that trusting this Jesus as his only Savior is going to get him there? Crazy!

Yes, a lot of people may

think so. Yet my defense is the Word of God, the Bible, and the inner peace which has entered into my life is proof enough that by belief has brought about a real change and a new assurance in my life. You might say I'm "Crazy for Christ." And you'd be right; I wouldn't trade it for anything.

...But what does this have to do with news reporting? Well, not much, really. Except that this is the greatest news that I could ever hope to share with you, that Jesus can change things... if we'd only let him try.

The family of Jerry Phillip Carter wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the students and faculty of the University of Tennessee at Martin for their warmth and consolation during the loss of our loved one. Each arrangement and card was a great comfort and we will always be grateful for the kindness shown to the family

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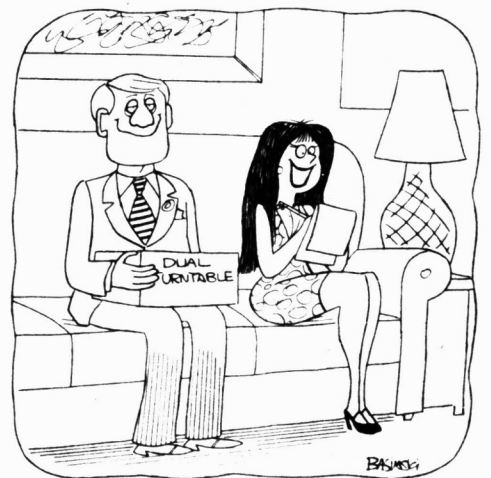
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# Tax credit bill may pass, easing students' finances

Taken from Jan. 6 UT Daily Beacon

According to UT Special Assistant for Federal Relations Walter Lambert, a tuition credit bill to relieve families affected by the cost of higher education will probably pass Congress this year.

Senator William Roth (R-Del.) introduced Bill S.311 last year, but the Senate-approved bill did not leave the House Ways and Means Committee. Committee chairman Al Ullman (D-Ore.) has led House opposition to the tuition tax credit plan. However, Ullman told a conference of businessmen and public administrators he thinks the bill has enough House support to pass this year.

Ullman said he feels the Ways and Means committee will probably schedule hearings soon because the bill must be read out of committee by May 15, in order to become law for the fiscal year 1979, beginning in October.

The bill's focus is to aid middle income families who have students in colleges, junior colleges, and post secondary schools. The bill presently being considered would give families tax credit for tuition, books and other education-oriented expenses.

Families would receive up to \$250 the first year, \$300 the second year, \$400 for the third and \$500 for the fourth year. These savings would go to the students and their families; the schools would not benefit.

"Any benefits that accrue to higher education in this, accrue incidentally," Lambert said.

A tuition tax credit would supplement funds granted to higher education under the Higher Education Act of 1972. In 1977 the HEW Office of Education spent \$3.7 billion on higher education. Of that total, \$3.2 billion was used for student financial aid.

Most federal financial aid funds go to students from lower-income families.

Opponents also cite the cost to the federal treasury in "tax expenditure," or tax income lost through the measure. The annual cost could be up to \$2.4

billion, according to a study by the Policy Analysis Service of the American Council on Education.

Lambert said that under the Higher Education Act, direct aid to institutions was also approved. But institutional aid has never been funded because of lack of political support, he said.

Those who favor giving all federal aid to students say this increases the student's options, Lambert said. A study by Pennsylvania State University indicated that tuition tax credits would help colleges by increasing enrollment-students would seek higher education who otherwise could not afford it.

An influx of new students could prevent colleges from increasing tuitions because of the tax credit.

Asked whether colleges would be likely to raise fees, Lambert said that he could not speak of colleges generally, but "this one" (UT) sure isn't going to. He added that most public institutions like UT are committed to providing education at the lowest possible cost.

Two other problems could arise with a tax credit system, he said. Student financial aid funds might be reduced in a "zero-sum" trade off under which the total amount of federal aid would remain constant.

The federal government might also restrict the right of colleges and universities to increase tuition in order to pay higher costs of energy, wages, salaries, and other items, Lambert said.



Here come the judges

Members of the 1977 University of Tennessee at Martin Senior Livestock Judging Team recently placed fifth in Quarter Horse judging at the American Royal Livestock Show held in Kansas City. Team members are: (l. to r.) Dr. Jerry D. Gresham, team coach; Kevin Canady, Memphis; Bob Carlton, Spring Hill; Kenny Hippenstall, McKenzie; Randy Rickman, Milledgeville; Chris Turner, Covington; Greg Allen, Camden and Dr. Harold J. Smith, Dean of the School of Agriculture at UTM.

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By FRED MAXWELL  
Features Editor

The Easter Seal Center for the Handicapped will hold its quarterly orientation for volunteers on January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly room, according to Mrs. Evelyn Blythe, center director.

"We require that our volunteers take at least one orientation session in order to know how to approach the program," Blythe explained, and added that all help was welcome but that the staff was pretty busy and often did not have time to stop and show someone how it was done.

Blythe said that instead of

trying to grapple on a one-on-one situation, the center has a single orientation for all those interested in working. The two hour orientation will cover such things as the center's funding mechanics, the center's philosophy—"The whole philosophy."

Student volunteers will be put in their fields of interest or major area of study as far as is possible. The center works with the University in such fields as education and home economics, Blythe stated.

The University is not the only group that provides support to the center. The Paducah Lions club provides

money from their telethon, and the federal and state governments provide matching funds.

The goal of the center is to provide real-world survival skills useful both off and on the job to about 40 adults from Obion, Weakley, and Henry counties. The center has a staff of about 14 people, perhaps two or three are bus drivers.

To qualify for service by Easter Seal, a person must be 18 years old, have taken a psychological test wherein the psychologist has certified that the patient has a developmental disability, and an income eligibility as defined

by the Department of Human Services under Title 20 of the Social Security Act.

Most of the clients are adults and often do not have the interaction with their peer groups which the volunteers provide, making the interaction between student and client also a social thing. Local area merchants also help by contracting the center for various jobs. The clients are thus able to get paid and learn about money and gain work experience they probably would not have had they not been at the center.

The Easter Seal Center is not the only place where UTM peopelpower is utilized successfully. There is also the Interfaith Center just off the east end of the campus.

There, they have an exciting program called Outreach, according to Melissa Odeneal, one of the projects volunteers.

Odeneal is into the "Adopt A Grandparent" project. This project is aimed at the elderly. A student volunteer will be given a name of a person with whom he will visit and make all the contact he can.

"We're just filling the needs that they have. It's not the kind of thing where you can say 'I'll see you next month,'" Odeneal emphasized, "because they may need you now."

Odeneal also said that the enthusiasm is great in spite of the small number of people currently participating in the program.

"But we're just beginning, and I'm really excited. Sister Marcella really knows how to pick people who can really make it all worthwhile," she said about one of the center's co-directors, Sister Marcella Hess.

And yet another lady is getting on the volunteer bandwagon—and driving it. She is Mary Ellen Cowser, University coordinator of the UTM Volunteer Service Bureau.

"One of our biggest problems is that nobody seemed to know we existed," Cowser remarked.

Maybe that's why she forsook the bureau's Gooch Hall office for the bustle of the University Center lobby. The people were out there.

They were out there last quarter, too, and a good dozen volunteered their time and energy in a variety of places. But with the new quarter, a fresh recruiting effort is needed because things have a habit of changing in the short span of ten weeks. Volunteers work flexible schedules and may be sent to at least 23 different places around the local area.

## UTM enrollment following national downward trend

by SUZANNE MCCARTHY  
Editor

Enrollment for Winter Quarter is down from last Winter Quarter and Fall Quarter according to Henry Allison, dean of admissions and records.

"Right now our statistics are still incomplete, though," Allison explained. "We still have students registering at off-campus centers."

As of 12:10 a.m., January 10, there are 4,517 students enrolled at UTM, compared with 4,787 last winter. This number represents 4,328 full time equated students (FTE), compared with 4,517 FTE's last winter. Full time equated students are students who are taking 12 hours or more, or a combination of part-time

students whose total hours equal twelve.

"Fall Quarter, we were down 198 FTE's. This quarter, we are only down 189 FTE's," Allison observed. "Although I have no conclusive evidence yet, it would seem logical that the full time students are taking more hours, since we usually have fewer part-time students in the winter."

Allison added that, relatively speaking, UTM is not down in enrollment as much as it was last quarter, especially when one notes the FTE figures.

"I want to emphasize, though, that we are not finished counting students," Allison added. "Also, we always do better in fall and

Spring Quarter as far as part time students go."

Allison said there does seem to be a downward trend in enrollment at UTM. He points out, however, that this trend is affecting colleges all over the nation.

"There does seem to be a steady decrease in enrollment at UTM, but we'll do our best to change this."

"Memphis State has intensified their efforts in recruiting, but their enrollment is still down, too."

Allison speculated that part of the reason for lower enrollments is that fewer high school graduates are opting for a college education. He stated that more students are going to vocational schools and technical schools. He concluded by saying that due to decreasing birth rates, that there are also fewer students graduating from high school.

## Calendar of events

<b>TODAY</b>		
Navy Testing	8 a.m.	Rm. 208, UC
Yearbook pictures	10 a.m.	Rm. 203, UC
AAUP	4 p.m.	Rm. 206, UC
Inter-varsity film	7 p.m.	Rm. 206, UC
Phi Chi Theta	7 p.m.	Rm. 208, UC
History Club	7 p.m.	Rm. 203, UC
Park and Rec. Club	7 p.m.	Rm. 201, 02, UC
Alpha Phi Alpha	8 p.m.	Rm. 230, UC
Alpha Kappa Alpha	9 p.m.	Rm. 201, 02, UC
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
Hazard Control Center	8:30 p.m.	Rm. 206, 07, UC
Yearbook pictures	10 a.m.	Rm. 203, UC
Faculty Couple's Bridge	7 p.m.	Rm. 207, UC
Disco Brothers Dance	8 p.m.	Ballroom, UC
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Delta Sigma Theta Dance	8:30 p.m.	Ballroom, UC
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Delta Sigma Theta	2:30 p.m.	Rm. 201, 02, 03, UC
Movie, "The Creature from the Black Lagoon"	3A, 9 p.m.	Ballroom, UC
<b>MONDAY</b>		
Yearbook pictures	10 a.m.	Rm. 203, UC
Career planning	3 p.m.	Rm. 208, UC
Gamma Sigma Sigma	5 p.m.	Rm. 206, UC
GROK	7:30 p.m.	Rm. 206, UC
SGA Disco	8 p.m.	Ballroom, UC
Alpha Phi Omega	9:15 p.m.	Rm. 207, UC
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Yearbook pictures	10 a.m.	Rm. 203, UC
Academic Agenda Committee	3 p.m.	Rm. 208, UC
AAUW	6:30 p.m.	Rm. 201, 02, UC
Silver Screen Classic, "High Noon"	7 p.m.	Ballroom, UC
SGA Congress	7:30 p.m.	Rm. 206, UC
Alpha Kappa Alpha	9 p.m.	Rm. 207, UC
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
Alpha Phi Omega Blood Drive	8 a.m.	Rm. 230, UC
Undergraduate Life Staff	9 a.m.	Rm. 208, UC
Faculty Women	9 a.m.	Rm. 207, UC
Yearbook Pictures	10 a.m.	Rm. 208, UC
Graduate Council	3 p.m.	Rm. 208, UC
Traffic Appeals Board	4:30 p.m.	Rm. 206, UC
Maranatha Concert	7 p.m.	Ballroom, UC
Alpha Kappa Alpha	9 p.m.	

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### Triumphant trio

Amy Henson and Billy Hall are among the participants in Casino Night, when the University Center's Ballroom became, for a little while, a mini-Las Vegas. The event, usually staged to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation, a philanthropy of AO Psi's, netted more than \$200.

## Heating situation adjusted; individual changes needed

by DENNIS SELLERS  
News Editor

Despite cold rooms for a few days at the beginning of the quarter, there have been no serious problems concerning heating, according to George Freeman, director of Housing.

The reason for the unusually cold rooms was the time lag between the end of Fall Quarter and the beginning of Winter Quarter, he explained. Since the heating had been turned off over the holidays the rooms took a while to heat up, he said.

"When we return from the holidays there's always a lag between the time the heat is turned on and the time it heats up," Freeman said. "This time it wasn't too much of a problem because most students didn't come back on the first day because of pre-registration."

He added that the head residents had had no major problems. Some individual rooms had to have heat adjustments, he said.

"We do have some instances of a corner room or a room facing the wind having a temperature problem," he said.

On Sunday night there was a strong wind from the west.

## 'Rhapsody in Blue' UTM pageant theme

by DENNIS SELLERS,  
News Editor

The 1978 Miss UTM Contest will be held February 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium, according to Patti Kirk, SGA secretary of affairs.

"The theme of this year's contest will be 'Rhapsody in Blue,'" Kirk said. "There will be a tea for the contestants this Friday at 2:30 in rooms 201 and 203 of the University Center. And Saturday there will be a brunch held at 10:30 at the McGehees' house."

Julie Hagin, Miss UTM coordinator, said that this year's contest had 23 contestants. The tickets are \$8.00 for two and probably \$4.50 for a single ticket, although the latter price isn't definite yet she said.

"Tickets prices are up this year," she said. "We're working with a budget of \$3,500 from the SGA, which is

money they don't have.

However, they plan on making a profit of roughly \$1,000 on the contest. That's the reason for the increased prices, it's the only way we could do it this year. In the past the SGA often only broke even with this event. This year they can't afford to lose money and need to make money."

Hagin said that she believed they could stay within their budget without any trouble. With three and a half weeks left before the contest, things are "coming along slowly but surely," she said.

Susan Morris, last year's queen, will return and sing both nights of the pageant before her "last walk" as queen, Hagin said.

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# Prepayment to end long lines; causes drawbacks for staff

by SUZANNE WADLEY  
Staff Writer

Approximately 2,500 students, out the 3,866 who advanced registered, paid their fees before the deadline date of January 3rd, according to Rebecca Murphy, supervisor of students accounts.

This not only caused a hardship on the Business Affairs Office which was geared to handle only those students registering late on that date; but, also, on the more than 2,000 students who stood in line most of Tuesday to clear their accounts.

Murphy cited several reasons why, in her opinion, this difficulty presented itself. One of the problems she mentioned concerned the student's attitude toward this new system.

"Students seemed to be more concerned with the registration of their classes than with the payment of their fees," Murphy stated.

She added that this was possibly due to the fact that there was approximately a two-month time period in which the students could clear their accounts and they felt they could wait to do this.

Another problem, Murphy

cited, was with those who receive financial aid.

"Those receiving financial aid felt that after they had registered the business office would be able to complete the payment of their fees without the student coming to do this on an individual basis. However, these students have a responsibility to take care of this debt and a responsibility to meet the requirements specified to receive such aid. With over half of the students on this campus receiving financial aid, it would be impossible for us to take care of this without them coming in," Murphy stated.

"The student feels that if the process is done one way for one quarter, it will be the

## Fraternity winter rush progresses

Interfraternity Council rush for Winter Quarter, will be held today and tomorrow, according to Gary Cantrell, IFC rush chairman.

The three day rush, January 11, 12, and 13, will allow any interested student to pay the five dollar fee, to any of the eight social fraternities, Cantrell stated.

"If they are unable to pay at any of these locations, Dr. Sexton's office will be able to receive the fee," he continued.

"All persons who are interested should go through rush and see what each fraternity has to offer," he urged. "I hope we have big turn out like we did for Fall Quarter rush," he stated. "Two hundred and forty-five people went through rush and it proved that formal style rush is needed to control all who take part."

Cantrell went on to explain that this quarter each fraternity will pass out their own bids and induction for pledging will start on Sunday, January 19, to induct their pledges for this quarter.

Those fraternities participating in rush this quarter are: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha Order, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Alpha.

same quarter after quarter. This has not been the case in the last two years," Murphy commented.

Murphy also stated that the previous system of registration and payment of fees, within a two day period enabled the student to clean their accounts at one time without their having to come back several times for various reasons.

"This also enabled us to deal with this process quickly and more accurately. The student knew that they must clear their accounts as they came through," Murphy stated.

Although the Business Affairs Office is feeling a hardship now, there may be other repercussions of this problem.

"Those students having registered in advance and paid their fees but are not coming back to school may experience a problem in getting a refund. If these students do not advise the business office otherwise, there will be a place held open for them in their classes. If they haven't come by to get their refund before the deadline, they will not get their money back. On the other hand, if the students did not pay their fees on time they were dropped from the roll. This makes it difficult to determine who is in school and who isn't," Murphy continued.

Murphy stated that students should try to pay their fees during the specified times in order for the process to run smoothly.

However, she added that they may have to go to a system in which appointment times are set up for each student to come in and clear their accounts.

"If over 2,000 students are going to wait until the deadline to pay their fees, I can't see how we can accommodate them without setting up some kind of appointment time for them to come in," Murphy stated.

"I'm sure that those people who paid their fees on time found the process quite easy."

Those are the ones who most benefited from it," Murphy concluded.

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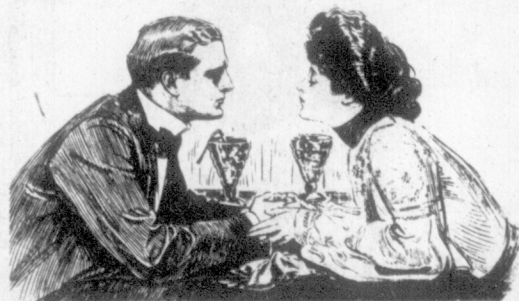
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## Freshman arrested

by SUZANNE McCARTHY  
Editor

Thomas C. Collins, a beginning freshman enrolled Winter Quarter, was arrested January 5 at 9:50 p.m. in the University Center, on two charges of assault and disorderly conduct.

The arrest was made after Collins left a women's suite in Atrium Hall. Collins allegedly entered the suite and "made himself at home," according to Ted Council, director of Safety and Security.

"Apparently, Collins stayed in the living room of the suite for a period of time before he entered one of the ladies' bedrooms," Council explained. "When he entered the bedroom, some of the girls were dressed for bed. Collins stayed in the room and talked to the girls. He did not physically attack the girls, but did 'get fresh' with them."

There were three in the

room at the time. The women, who asked to remain anonymous, said Collins told the girls he was "God, and looking for an angel." The Atrium residents said Collins identified himself as a Black Muslim. They said his entire body was greased, and that he was wearing one white glove and carrying some grapes. They went on to say that he didn't attack them, but did "make advances." According to the women, Collins stayed in the suite about an hour.

After he left, the residents locked the door and called Safety and Security. They said Collins tried to re-enter, but gave up after a short period of time.

Safety and Security officers met Collins in Atrium's lobby, but did not arrest him there because Collins was ready to fight," according to Council. The officers followed Collins to the University Center where they subsequently arrested him. The officers observed that Collins "wanted to fight everybody."

Collins was taken to court in Dresden the following morning where his bizarre behavior continued.

"He was very irrational in court Council stated," and very uncooperative. He talked gibberish until the judge (Glasgow) ordered that he spend seven days in jail, so that he would become "more cooperative."

January 8, while still in jail, Collins removed his clothes and stuffed them into a toilet, causing the cell to become flooded. He also "ripped up" the fixtures in the cell, according to Council.

At that point, Collins was committed to Western State Hospital, where he is presently undergoing psychiatric evaluations.

Collins lived in Austin Peay Hall, and according to dorm officials, was "uncooperative" during the checking-in process.

"He wouldn't let Andy Wilson (Collins' RA) in the

room to check him in," Ricky Bucy, Austin Peay RA stated. "He sat in the doorway and told Andy that 'a man's home is his castle' and Andy couldn't go into his castle."

When dorm officials went to Collins' room to collect his belongings, they found the room had been damaged. Collins had taken a red enamel paint and painted various slogans and words on

the walls such as "112 plus three-fourths equals four-fourths," "nasty" written in capital letters, and stars on the walls. There was red yarn hanging from the ceiling and

walls, and the light fixture was pulled from the ceiling. Dr. Phillip Watkins, vice-chancellor for undergraduate life, said that his office was in the process of withdrawing Collins from the University.

# Salary survey explained; raise increases down

by DENNIS SELLERS  
News Editor

The Martin Chapter AAUP Salary Survey for 1977-78 was approved on December 1 by the Executive Board, according to Sue Boren, president of the Martin chapter.

The salary survey was prepared from the salary printout of the summer of 1977 provided to the Tennessee Higher Education Committee (THEC) by UTM. Fringe benefits are not included.

Salaries are within the ranges given. The median wasn't calculated for a faculty rank of less than three faculty members. The mean wasn't calculated for a rank of only one. The size of the departments of modern languages and occupational education was too small for individual ranks to be meaningful. The mean for each rank for fulltime teaching faculty (208) is given as:

Full professor (20) 18953  
Associate professor (97) 16534

GROUP	RANGE		% RAISE MEAN
	MEDIAN	MEAN	
Vice-Chancellors (4)	25500-31600 29200	28775	6.18-6.67 6.37
Department Heads, Deans, Asst. and Assoc. Deans (25) <sup>1</sup>	17900-31400 23400	24121	5.26-8.39 6.51
Non-academic Deans, Directors, Asst. and Assoc. Directors (35)	11700-26100 16540	17179	5.35-8.87 6.71
Coaches (9M and 2F) <sup>2</sup>	11400-28000 16860	18152	2.71-6.56 3.71

Assistant professor (78) 14457  
Instructor (13) 11621

On the chart of the second group includes all department heads and deans of schools except for the department of military science. The director of the Library and the Dean of

graduate studies are also included.

The coaches' salaries come from athletic-type budgets. On a second chart (not shown) listing the salaries of full professors, associate professors, assistant professors and instructors it was shown that the per-

centage of salary raises were slightly below the 7 percent salary raise evident on the 1976-1977 Salary Survey.

"Full professors, money-wise, didn't seem to make much headway," Boren said. "But the charts show that, overall, that wasn't much of an increase at any level."

## New registration ...

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too, did agree that there were problems however-specifically, students not advance registering or not paying fees on time.

"But I think these problems will work out," he said. "Once you forget to do these things a couple of times you tend to get it done. Computer registration ought to work smoothly."

Rebecca Murphy, supervisor of student accounts, felt that despite both advantages and disadvantages, the latter outweighed the former as far as the Business Office was concerned.

"The Business Office now deals with student paying fees from about the start of November until now," she

explained. "It's a long, drawn-out affair which must interrupt with other work. Each student has a different situation, a different problem. Of course, we work with what we have the best we can."

Under the previous system the process wasn't necessarily simpler, but was over quicker in about two days, she said. About two-thirds of the students now come in on the one day of registration before classes open for those students just registering.

While computer registration apparently places more problems on the Business Office it works smoothly for the Admissions and Records Office, according to Jerry

Lacy, director.

"From our standpoint, it's good in that it gives us more time on registration day to devote to beginning and transfer students," he said. "We can counsel with them, and all, whereas before we had to deal with all the students on the same day."

Of all the administrators interviewed, only one kept his opinions to himself. This was Henry Allison, dean of admissions and records.

"Since I'm in the area providing the subject under discussion, I want to be purely objective," he explained. "I'll do something unusual and refrain from giving my personal opinion. If changes are

needed, we must be charged with making these changes."

Allison said he was in favor of establishing a committee to study both ways of registration and see what changes or modifications are needed.

Trentham said that if computer registration didn't seem to work as good as the previous method, the old process would be reinstituted.

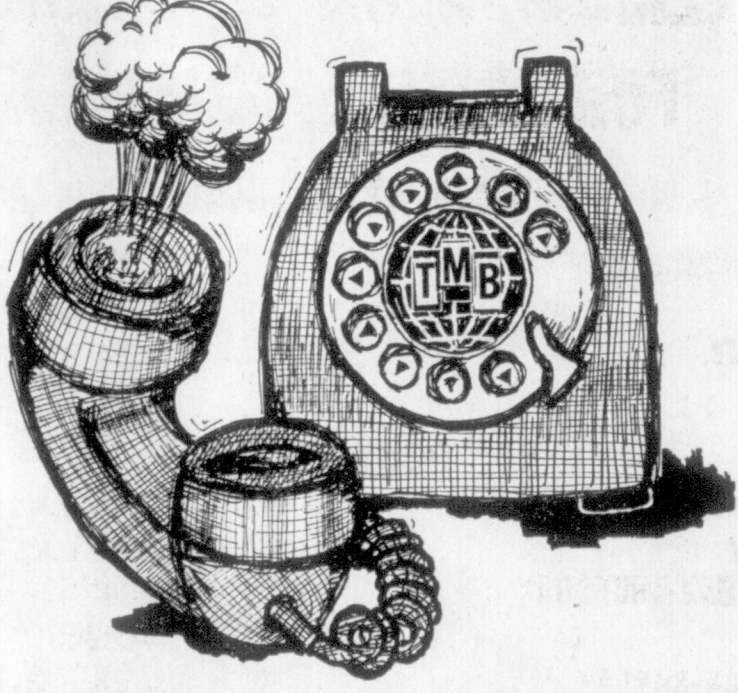
"We're not firmly fixed on either system," he said. "At a big institution, computer registration is the only practical way. At a school our size, we can do it by hand and do it well. We're keeping an open mind."

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## Arthritis fund nets \$280 from 'Casino'

Casino Night, an annual event sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and SGA, netted \$280 for the Arthritis Foundation, Tuesday night.

The Las Vegas-style program was held in the University Center Ballroom, from 7 until 11 p.m. Gambling games such as black jack, craps, roulette and chuck-a-luck were available. Gamblers received \$10,000 worth of play money for 50 cents. They were then able to use their "winnings" to bid on various prizes donated by Martin merchants.

"Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves," Amy Henson, AOPi coordinator, commented. "We had some experienced gamblers, I'd say, and some enthusiastic bidders at the auction."

Casino Night is one of the several projects AOPi sponsors to raise money for its national philanthropy, the Arthritis Foundation. AOPi is the county chairman for the Arthritis Fund drive in Weakley County.

Items up for bid included sweaters, radios, T-shirts, a cake, albums, and a keg of beer.

"Casino night was really improved this year," Henson added. "We had better equipment this year, which we borrowed from the Shriners in Memphis. This seemed to prove profitable for us, since we doubled the amount raised for Arthritis from last year."

## Sign contest begins

The Lady Pacers basketball team are sponsoring a sign contest that will last through the eight remaining home games of the 1977-78 season.

Helen Carroll assistant head coach, said that these will be three divisions in which the posters can be classified in. They were: sorority, fraternity, and dorms.

Each poster will be judged at each game and there will be five points awarded per sign and ten points for the most original sign. At the end of the season, the cumulative points collected by each organization for their sign will determine the winners in each division.

The contest begins today at 7 p.m. when the Lady Pacers will face the University of New Orleans.



# Pacers boost record to 3-8

BY DARRELL ROZELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Entering once again into the reliable Fieldhouse, the Pacer basketball team showed a determined effort as they won two out of three home games to boost their record up to 3-8. The Pacers played Tennessee State, Livingston, and Delta State with the first and latter being their best games. Seeking revenge from a 83-33 defeat by the Tigers of Tennessee State, the Pacers took a commanding 31-26 halftime lead. Senior forward Joe "Dr. J." Boddie, who finished the night with 20 points, 16 of them in the second half, stole the last seconds as he stuffed one in with one second left in the half.

Freshman forward Billy Ray Hampton and Senior forward Mike Patterson fascinated the fans as they blocked, stuffed, and tipped in shots all night. The two

combined for 22 points. The Pacers went on to defeat the Tigers by the score of 66-58. John Carr also was in double figures with 10 points. The Pacers finished the night with a 48 percent field goal percentage and the Tigers finished with 46. Assistant head basketball coach for the Pacers, Paul Kelley, credited good playing from the freshman. Good defense was also the key to their win.

"We are getting better playing out of the freshman Billy Ray Hampton," Kelley said. "He seems to have adjusted to our system of play. We got good defense from the team and excellent rebounding and tip-ins by Patterson and Boddie."

UTM entered the next game with the hope of winning their first Gulf South Conference game. However, the Pacers were upset by the Tigers of Livingston University by the score of 75-71.

The Pacers, as usual, took the opening tip-off but went scoreless until 5:57 of the first half. Nevertheless, good defense kept the Tigers from running away with the score. The first goal came on a 10-foot jump shot by Patterson to make the score 2-7 Livingston. With just a little more than four minutes left on the clock, the Pacers had tied the score at 14-14. By halftime the Pacers had managed a 34-28 lead.

The Pacers ended the first quarter with a 41.7 percent field goal percentage and an impressive 85.7 percent free-throw percentage.

At the start of the second half, what started off as a possible win, slipped to a narrow defeat. Livingston came out blistering as they scored 47 points to UTM's 37. The Tigers had six men in double figures compared to only three for the Pacers.

Senior guard Ricky Collins commented on Livingston

guards and forwards. "Livingston has a fast control team with good shooting guards and tough forwards," Collins commented.

The Pacers were lead in scoring and rebounding by Boddie with 16 points and seven rebounds and Patterson with 14 points and nine rebounds. Hampton was the other team member to reach double figures, garnering 14 points.

Once again, the Pacers were seeking revenge for the close loss to Livingston. So on January 9, the Pacers faced Delta State.

The Statesmen were 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the GSC. Nevertheless, the Pacers were still seeking the first conference win. With the Pacers taking the opening tip-off, they took a commanding lead by the end of the first period, taking a 26-19 lead. By halftime, the Pacers had a 45-34 lead.

In that game Boddie had four dunks in the last three minutes. He ended up with 16 points and six rebounds.

The Statesmen came as close as five points but failed to keep pressure on. The Pacers went on to win by the score of 81-70. This was the widest range of defeat by the Pacers since the two exhibitions games between the National Team of Scotland (78-50) and Fort Campbell (90-68).

"We played a tremendous ball game against a razzle-dazzle team like Delta State," coach Kelley said. "We also got a chance to play more people; therefore, we had a chance to let our starters rest."

## Work halted in gym

BY JANIE MILLER  
SPORTS WRITER

January 4, 1978, was to be the start of another year for the UTM basketball team: the UTM fieldhouse, known as the pit, had been bidden farewell December 1, 1977, after a Pacer win over Ft. Campbell, and home games were thereafter to be played in the new gym. Unfortunately, such was not the case.

According to Robert Neilson, director of recreational sports, several factors were involved in keeping varsity basketball out of the new gym, the chief reasons being the bleachers and the floor.

"When work was being done on the floor, not enough sealer was put on to create the artificial surface. Dirt worked its way in, causing discoloration. We'd been trying since June to get the company to correct it, and the final agreement was that it would be done December 28, 29, and 30."

"The main gym floor had to be fixed. It was sanded and scrubbed, and it should be rescaled this weekend. Then it will take four more weeks to 'cure' for use."

Work on the bleachers will continue Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, as opposed to the original contracted date of December 15, 1977, and by January 16 the P.E. Complex should be able to resume its relatively normal scheduled

Delta State used a five man full court pressure attack, with five fresh players coming in every five minutes or less.

Boddie commented upon how the team was improving. "Each game seems to bring us closer as a unit," Boddie commented. "Plus the freshman (Hampton) is coming around and is beginning to pick up the pieces."

Hampton ended the night with 13 points, five rebounds, and two blocked shots. In double figures for the Pacers were Patterson (14), Pearcy (12), and Carr (10).

The Pacers next game will be January 12 against Mississippi College. Their next home game will be January 14 against Indiana-Purdue.

recreation hours. The work being done presently will not interfere with gym classes.

Ed White, of Administration and Development, was of the opinion that Pacer basketball would continue to be played in the Pit until next season.

"The earliest we could play in the new gym would be February 4, and there would be only four home games left. The sound system would not be working, and when we put the people in the bleachers, the warranty on them begins. If we wait until next season, we'll still have the full twelve months of warranty. I would much rather go in the new gym with everything in top shape and working right, than to go in there half-cocked."

## ★ WINTER INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE ★

Roster Due	Sport	Season Begins
JAN. 18	RACQUETBALL (SINGLES)	JAN. 23
JAN. 19	BASKETBALL	JAN. 23

### MANDATORY TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING

NOTE: ROSTERS ARE DUE AT THE MANDATORY TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING BY 5:00 p.m. ON THE DATE THE ROSTER IS DUE. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE (2001) OF THE P.E. COMPLEX. ROSTERS MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE RECREATIONAL SPORTS OFFICE, ROOM 1020 OF THE P.E. COMPLEX BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M. WEEKDAYS.

## 1978 omen lies on basketball season

In the beginning of the 1977-78 Pacer season, there seemed to be an expectancy of great things to come.

The football team had an opportunity for a first place bid in the Gulf South Conference. The volleyball team, with the brilliant leadership of Beth Spence, had high hopes of reaching champion status, and ranking high in a final tourney. The highly acclaimed boxing team attracted the attention of the campus, as they became a recognized entity of the University. The addition of a recreational director brought some hope for intramural sports. Finally, the enormous physical education complex expected to have the bleachers installed by January 4, 1978.

Unfortunately, the football team ended its season with a fourth-quarter rally by opponent Jacksonville State. The

Gamecocks killed Pacer hopes for a bowl bid. Jacksonville then went on to the GSC championship game, losing to Lehigh, 33-0.

The volleyball team's goals were closer to reality. The Pacers won the small-college championship and placed fourth in the regional finals. Knockouts and decisions were the order of the day for the boxing team, as they improved each week.

As far as seats for the complex, they finally have been installed, but problems with the floor have delayed use of the complex until next year. These difficulties with the complex have contributed to the loss of popularity suffered by recreational sports.

What can we expect for '78? Perhaps the omen will be found in the number of games the Pacer basketball team can salvage.

## Boxers start year on winning note

Being considered the year of the 'Horse' by the Japanese and a year of great things by others, the UTM Boxing team started out the 1978 boxing season with all three of their boxers winning in last Saturday night's action in Jackson.

The night began with Joe Atnip winning over a Brownsville boxer. According to David Rogers, head coach, the fight was even through the first two rounds, however Atnip's great conditioning won the third round over his tired opponent.

Fighting his first fight was Louis Castro who came away with a big win. Castro won the bout with a second round TKO over Glenn Miller of Savannah. Miller is known for his tremendous boxing history.

"This win established Castro as the leading light heavyweight for the upcoming tournament, Rogers said.

The main event of the night was Edward Somerville and Joe Mann of Dyersburg.

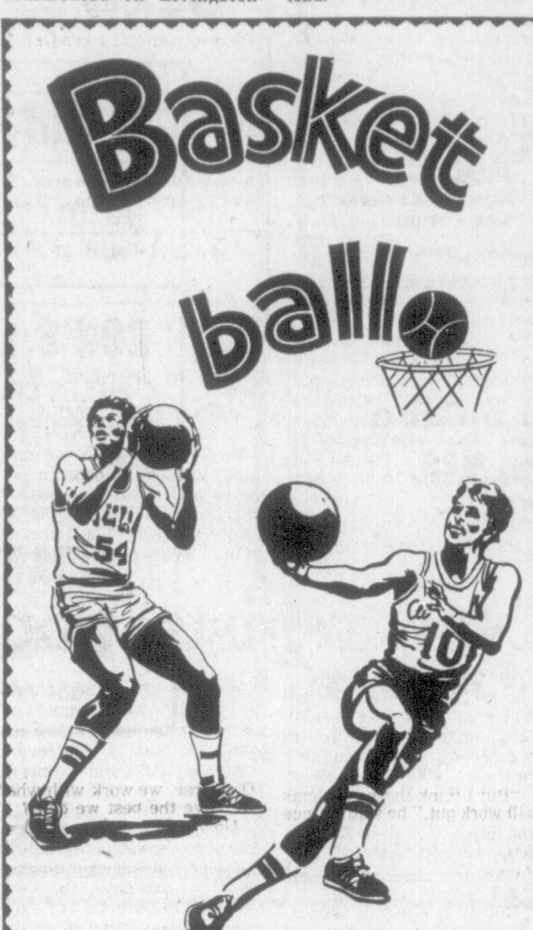
Somerville won by a decision but not after the two fighters had given the crowd a moment of heated excitement.

Action will continue next Friday night at 7:30, at the Trenton National Guard Armory. The fighters will be Gregg Stallings, Ronnie Cole and John Arriola who will be fighting Wayne Cole, a former West Tennessee best boxer and Mid-South champion.

During the week of January 19-22, approximately 10 UTM boxers will be participating in the Jackson Invitational Tournament at Jackson.

"We should have several winners and placers in this tournament," Rogers commented. "We definitely should have the heavyweight division with Somerville and Stallings probably meeting in the finals."

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## Holiday trip ended by a field goal

BY JANIE MILLER  
SPORTS WRITER

In December of last year, the Pacer basketball team travelled to the golden state of California, for games against Chapman College, the University of San Diego, and California State University at Northridge.

Against Chapman College, UTM had high-scoring Mike Patterson, with 22 points and 12 rebounds, to help them out, but Chapman College came out on top with a score of 91 to UTM's 78.

The University of San Diego proved unlucky for the Pacers, too. High point man was John Carr, with 16 points, and Mike Patterson led the rebounding with 14. The final score of the game was USD-96, UTM-68.

A closer conflict was found in Northridge against Cal. State. Patterson again led both scoring and rebounding, collecting 19 points and nine rebounds in a very low-scoring ball game. Cal. State squeaked by one point ahead of the Pacers at the final buzzer, winning 46-47 in UTM's final game in California.

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High adventure

Karen Kehoe experiences high adventure in Milan as she carefully crosses a rope bridge during last quarter's survival weekend. The survival course was offered by the UTM Department of Military and aimed at teaching students basic survival skills. The Military Science Department said last quarter that the course was so popular that it is again being offered.

## Service fraternity brings blood drive to campus

By Mickey McLaughlin  
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a blood drive for St. Jude Hospital January 18-19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ballroom.

St. Jude is a children's hospital established by performer Danny Thomas and devoted solely to the research and treatment of childhood diseases such as muscular dystrophy, cancer and leukemia. It operates entirely on contributions.

"A St. Jude Mobile Blood Lab team will come up from Memphis to conduct the operation," stated Chris

Armstrong, coordinator for the blood drive. "These people are experienced professionals who will do the best job possible."

The blood collected here by the St. Jude team will be used in the active treatment of children now in the hospital and for research into the causes and cures for their diseases. Donors are sent cards specifying their blood type, R-H factor and date of donation. A plaque is also to be awarded to the organization with the highest percentage of donating members.

"It is recommended that

potential donors eat beforehand," Armstrong said.

Asked what a goal for next week's blood drive, Armstrong replied, "Our goal is one pint more than what we get."

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